

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 09/16/2020 – 09/18/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count Updated: 12:45am 09/18/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	4385	4155
Deaths**	113	50

Confirmed:** positive test result. *Deaths:** BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death, meaning they died because of COVID-19. DOH includes people who tested positive for COVID-19 and died, but may not have died of COVID-19. That's why the dashboard may show a higher number of deaths than we previously reported. DOH is currently updating their definition, and in the coming days, the total number of deaths reported on the dashboard may decrease

City Case Count 09/18/2020 12:45am	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	3634
Mesa	495	100
Connell	5,500	360
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	51
Kennewick	84,960	2552
Richland	58,550	951
West Richland	15,710	216
Benton City	3,560	155
Prosser	6220	397
Plymouth	-	17
Paterson	-	<10
Not Specified	-	96

Current Hospital Status Updated: 12:45am 09/18/2020 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	*	*	*

* 9-18-20: DOH has identified an issue with collection of hospitalization data and are working to diagnose and correct the problem

Case Locations of Interest updated 1:00pm on 09/17/2020	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	524

Please visit [Washington State Department of Corrections site](https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm) for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. (<https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm>)

OPERATIONS SECTION:

OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA: Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the [definition of an outbreak](#) and have had active cases within the last 28 days
 - **General Business Community - 18**
 - **Long Term Care Facilities - 7**
 - **HealthCare Settings – 3**
 - **Childcare Settings – 0**
 - **Schools – 1**
- Dr. Amy Person, Benton/Franklin Health Officer, has sent a letter to Benton and Franklin School administrators with a recommendation for schools districts in our area to start planning for potential implementation of in-person hybrid learning. A copy of the recommendation letter can be found here: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=10766056&pageId=16929609>

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

- Contact tracing team continues to be hard at work, actively investigating the positive cases in our area
- Care Coordination teams continues to provide services to those in Isolation or quarantine who have identified they need assistance.

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- HAPO Center is the only National Guard Test Site for Benton/Franklin County. **No appointments are necessary, but please bring Insurance card - if you have coverage – if not insurance is not required. HAPO Center is a drive thru testing site only but they cannot accommodate van loads or busloads of people this is for the safety of the testing personnel so they do not have to enter a van or bus.** The drive thru testing site is available to all residents and does not require a physician's order to receive a test. Those that need a "free" test can still get a test, **the HAPO site will operate Tuesday – Friday from 7:00am – 3:00pm, starting Tuesday, September 22nd.** To date The National Guard has administered **13,527 COVID tests**, on Thursday September 17th 105 tests were administered (test site was closed Tuesday and Wednesday due to air quality issues).
- National Guard will be re-assigning 17 of the soldiers at the HAPO test site. This will necessitate reducing the testing lanes back to a single test lane at the HAPO test site. This will take effect on Tuesday the 22nd. The HAPO site will now be operating with approximately 23-25 soldiers.
- CBC-West testing site will conduct a practice walkthrough early next week, with an anticipated opening day of Thursday, September 24th. Operating times will be from 8:30am to 4:30pm Thursday through Monday.
- The CBC-West Project team continue to have a daily conference calls at 7:00am to finalize operational and opening plans for this testing site.

VOLUNTEERS: Develop and administer volunteer training and coordination to supplement current staff as needed.

- Interested in **volunteering** at BFHD go to: [VOLUNTEER AT BFHD](#)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION: Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover Your Airholes public service announcement – CYA click here
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This link will provide useful information on wildfire smoke and COVID-19 https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/AirQuality/SmokeFromFires
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Air quality map can be found here https://www.airnow.gov this will allow you to check the air quality by zip code
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BFHD updates Website Twitter and Facebook daily

LOGISTICS:

<u>PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply chains are beginning to have PPE supplies available. Agencies are being encouraged to start utilizing their normal ordering processes and vendors. The State EOC is starting to reduce their inventory and capabilities to provide PPE.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves. PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than 10:00am every Friday or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week. Benton – d.davis@bces.wa.gov Franklin – sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us

DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

<u>RECURRING ACTIVITIES:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing via ZOOM if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM – if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M-F at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released - on Friday the IAP will be a 3-day IAP encompassing the weekend plan (Sat, Sun, Mon)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday/Friday at 5:00pm - Unified Situational Report (SitRep) released
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555#
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday at 9:30am - BFHD press conference covering the current situation/status and guest speakers will be included to discuss special topics, when appropriate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Thursday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Friday at 2:00pm – Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing community's information/concerns/coordination
<u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Columbia Basin College West testing site opening/operations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School planning for in-person hybrid learning following <75 cases per 100,000 threshold
<u>CURRENT RISKS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throughput at the HAPO drive-thru testing site and National Guard staffing at current level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competing missions between the HAPO and CBC West testing sites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor air quality due to wildfire smoke
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor Proclamation 20-57.1 and Impacts to Agricultural community

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

DISTRIBUTED TO:

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff
Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies
WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer
Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer
Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons